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SUBJECT: SOVIET TRAVEL CONTROLS - LENINGRAD

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1. ON MARCH 20, WHILE DRIVING IN OFFICIAL VEHICLE, ASSISTANT NAVAL ATTACHES TIEDE AND MANTHORPE WERE STOPPED BY UNIFORMED MILITIA JUST SHORT OF 27 KILOMETER MARKER ON ROAD FROM LENINGRAD CENTER PARALLELING SOUTH SIDE OF NEVA IN TOWN OF PONTONNIY. MILITIA ALTERNATELY STATED THAT " ROAD CLOSED" AND THAT VEHICLE " COULD NOT PROCEED FURTHER BECAUSE TRIP NOT REGISTERED." ASSISTANT ATTACHES REPLIED BY NOTING THAT THEIR TRAVEL FROM MOSCOW TO LENINGRAD WAS FILED WITH AND APPROVED BY AUTHORITIES AND THAT THEY WERE WITHIN LIMITS OF OPEN 30 KILOMETER ZONE AROUND LENINGRAD. MILITIA IGNORED STATEMENT, ASSERTED " WE HAVE OUR INSTRUCTIONS," AND INSISTED ASSISTANT ATTACHES TURN BACK, WHICH THEY DID.

2. DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE THAT THIS INCIDENT BUT ONE OF SERIES OF SIMILAR OBSTRUCTIONS TO MOVEMENTS OF EMBASSY AND ADVANCE PARTY PERSONNEL WITHIN SUPPOSEDLY OPEN LENINGRAD ZONE. AS WAS DONE IN CONNECTION WITH REFTTEL OBSTRUCTION, EMBASSY WILL INFORM MFA OF ITS OBJECTION TO THIS INTERFERENCE. EMBASSY WILL ALSO POINT OUT THAT CLARIFICATION PROMISED BY MFA DURING REFTTEL

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PROTEST STILL OUTSTANDING.

3. FOR DEPARTMENT' S INFORMATION, FUTURE EMBASSY TRAVELERS TO Leningrad will carry with them copy of diplomatic agency' s note specifying limits of open area around Leningrad, for use in encounters with militia. On few occasions in past, however, when militia were shown copies of travel negotiations, they refused to read them.

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